

Targeted Employment Areas (TEA):

A Targeted Employment Area (TEA) is defined as: A **rural** or **non-rural area** that has experienced a high unemployment rate of at least 150 percent of the national average unemployment rate during a comparable 12-month period.

New Jersey does not have any rural areas that are both outside of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and outside a city or town with a population of 20,000 or more. MSAs are designated by the Office of Management and Budget. At <http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/maps/nj/04000us34m.pdf> you can see a map of MSAs that include parts of New Jersey.

Any area designated as a TEA in New Jersey must include an area with a calendar year 2013 unemployment rate that is 150 percent or higher than the national average unemployment rate (7.4%) for the same time period. Presently, the minimum unemployment rate of 11.1 percent is necessary for an area to qualify as a TEA. The following areas meet these criteria based on 2013 annual average data:

Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
*County:				
Atlantic County	132,840	116,879	15,961	12.0
Cape May County	57,125	50,256	6,869	12.0
Cumberland County	67,898	59,594	8,304	12.2
Municipality:				
Asbury Park city	8,222	7,172	1,050	12.8
Bass River township	941	825	116	12.3
Berkeley township	13,071	11,385	1,686	12.9
Beverly city	1,540	1,322	217	14.1
Brooklawn borough	963	823	140	14.6
Camden city	26,455	22,221	4,234	16.0
Carteret borough	12,382	10,812	1,570	12.7
Chesilhurst borough	808	681	127	15.7
East Newark borough	1,120	975	145	13.0
East Orange city	28,547	25,102	3,445	12.1
Elizabeth city	56,141	49,796	6,345	11.3
Elk township	2,172	1,848	324	14.9
Garfield city	16,529	14,649	1,880	11.4
Haworth borough	1,716	1,523	193	11.3
Highlands borough	2,981	2,643	339	11.4
Hillside township	10,242	8,664	1,579	15.4

Irvington township	26,073	23,078	2,995	11.5
Lake Como borough	1,048	905	143	13.7
Lawnside borough	1,376	1,214	162	11.8
Little Egg Harbor township	9,685	8,556	1,129	11.7
Manchester township	12,263	10,689	1,574	12.8
Manville borough	6,153	5,469	684	11.1
Merchantville borough	1,989	1,755	234	11.8
Montague township	1,977	1,721	256	13.0
National Park borough	1,628	1,423	205	12.6
Neptune City borough	2,745	2,432	313	11.4
Newark city	105,956	91,781	14,175	13.4
Ocean township	4,206	3,716	490	11.6
Oceanport borough	3,007	2,613	394	13.1
Palmyra borough	4,235	3,764	471	11.1
Passaic city	29,227	25,886	3,341	11.4
Paterson city	58,546	49,898	8,648	14.8
Paulsboro borough	3,007	2,540	467	15.5
Penns Grove borough	2,220	1,927	293	13.2
Perth Amboy city	24,229	20,736	3,493	14.4
Prospect Park borough	3,393	2,868	526	15.5
Rochelle Park township	3,100	2,725	375	12.1
Salem city	2,011	1,608	403	20.1
Seaside Heights borough	1,371	1,135	235	17.2
South River borough	8,986	7,778	1,207	13.4
Union City	28,754	25,413	3,341	11.6
Wanaque borough	6,562	5,691	871	13.3
Westville borough	2,498	2,168	330	13.2
Willingboro township	16,288	14,468	1,820	11.2
Woodlynne borough	1,417	1,219	198	14.0
* - All municipalities within the three counties listed are designated as TEAs.				

Certification Process:

An alien entrepreneur seeking to do business in areas of high unemployment may choose, along with the petition, to include a letter from NJLWD which certifies that the commercial enterprise is or will be located in a "targeted employment area." This letter may be obtained by

writing to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics Section, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJLWD), Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, P.O. Box 383, Trenton NJ 08625-0383, by e-mailing: Roseanne.Elcenko@dol.state.nj.us, or by calling 609.777.2193.

For investment in any of the qualified areas listed above, a letter indicating the area is a TEA will be sent to the individual requesting the designation.

Special Tabulations:

If the area of investment is not on the list above, NJLWD can perform a special tabulation for the area in question utilizing calendar year 2013 and the most recent 12 months of data for the area. This tabulation will be performed in accordance with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics approved methodology for Local Area Unemployment Statistics data. NJLWD cannot guarantee that the area will meet the criteria of a TEA.

Please contact Roseanne Elcenko via telephone (609) 777-2193 or via email Roseanne.Elcenko@dol.state.nj.us for more information on special tabulations.

Please note: While the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development indicates that an area meets the qualifying rate, the final designation as a Targeted Employment Area will be made by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

More information about the EB-5 Investor Visa Program can be found on the USCIS website (www.uscis.gov).

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Market and Demographic Research, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

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